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For : A DIAGNOSIS SUPPORTING DEVICE WHICH CONTROLS THE RESPECIVE INTENSITIES OF EMITTED EXCITATION LIGHT AND EMITTED REFERENCE LIGHT (as amended herein)

RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.116

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Sir:

In response to the Final Official Action of October 24, 2006, in which a three-month shortened statutory period for response was set to expire on January 24, 2007, Applicant requests reconsideration and withdrawal of the outstanding objection and rejection, as well as an indication of the allowability of each of the claims now pending.

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